(c) Value of export earnings of marine products during 1984 and 1985 are:

(Value in Rs. Crores)

	1984	1985
I Quarter:	101.70	100.49
II Quarter:	81.86	87.660
III Quarter:	88.45	90.09
IV Quarter;	113.48	—

Arrears of provident fund contribution

2935. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *ALIAS* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how much arrears of Provident Fund contribution are due from unexempted and exempted establishments; and

(b) what are the measures taken by Government to resolve ib; same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANIAIAH); (a) A_s on 31-3-1985, the total amount of arrears of EPF contribution from unexemptcd and exempted establishments were Rs. 52.30 crores and Rs. 63.92 crores respectively;

(b) The EPF Organisation have taken the following measures to realise the outstanding dues:-

(1) 5148 revenue recovery certificates were filed under section 8 of the EPF Act;

(2) 5446 prosecution cases were launched under section 14 of the EPF Act against the defaulters;

(3) 832 complaints were filed under section 406]409 IPC against employers who had deducted the provident fund contribution from the wages of the employees but not deposited the same;

(4) Special revenue recovery cells with Tehsildars and supporting s'aff haye been set up in Andhra Pradesh. Haryana, Kerala. Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu .for expediting ihe execution of revenue recovery certificates;

(5) RPFCs have beea advised to-approach the trial courts to club ail prosecution cases against same emp-» loyersjestablishments for trial at the same time.

Concept of employment exchange and employment

2936. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whedier Government's attention has been drawn to the judgement of Andhra Pradesh High Court delivered on September 4, 1985 shaking the very concept of Employment Exchange and Employment;

(b) whether the court has advised any amendment to the Employment Exchange Act, 1959; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Govenrnment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANIAIAH); (a) Government is aware of the judgement of the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) The Government has filed a Special Leave Petition alongwith the petition for the stay of the judgement in the Supreme Court.

Strike in textile mills in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry

2937. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

• (a) whether the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry have intimated the Central Government about the textile mills strike in their region; and

(b) if so, what action has been takea to reopen the said mills and what were the reasons for closure of these mills?